Registration of Darjeeling Tea Trade Mark

5186. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice the Government that foreign traders/ blenders pass off inferior tea under the name of Darjeeling Tea; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to get the Darjeeling Tea Trade Mark registered immediately in foreign countries like Japan, USA and Europe to ensure that Darjeeling Tea does not loose market or demand on account of such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Though no complaints towards passing off inferior teas by the foreign traders/blenders under the name of Darjeeling tea have been received by the Government/Tea Board, the scope for and possibilities of passing off inferior tea under the name of "Darjeeling tea" internationally is not ruled out.

(b) Darjeeling Logo which is owned by Tea Board of India has already been registered as Certification Trade Mark in United Kindgom, United States of America, Canada, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Portugal, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Austria, Japan and Egypt so as to protect the said mark from being misrepresented.

Export from Different Zones

†5187. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up different zones at different places from where exports are made;

(b) if so, the number of such zones in the country at present and the total number of units therein; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.